

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>November 18, 2020</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2019-365-E</u>
UTILITIES MATTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORDER NO.	<u>2020-779</u>

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

Order Holding Hearing and Deadlines for Prefiling of Testimony and Exhibits in Abeyance

SUBJECT:

[DOCKET NO. 2019-365-E](#) - Exploration of a South Carolina Competitive Procurement Program as Allowed by South Carolina Code Section 58-41-20(E)(2) (See Directive Issued on November 25, 2019) - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Request of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated that a Separate Docket Be Established for Consideration of Whether Competitive Procurement Programs are Appropriate for DESC's Balancing Authority Area, with Comments Then to be Permitted Regarding the Procedural Schedule.

COMMISSION ACTION:

I move that we reschedule the hearing currently scheduled for December 10th and 11th in this Generic Docket and that we hold abeyance the pre-filed testimony and exhibit deadlines at this time. As you will recall, by Commission Directive dated November 25, 2019, the Commission is authorized by South Carolina Code Section 58-41-20(E)(2) "to open a generic docket for the purposes of creating programs for the competitive procurement of energy and capacity from renewable energy facilities by an electrical utility within the utility's balancing authority area if the commission determines such action to be in the public interest." S.C. Code Ann. §58-41-20(E)(2). The Commission directed the Clerks' Office to open this Generic Docket 2019-365-E as authorized by the South Carolina General Assembly when the Commission found that a South Carolina competitive procurement system should be considered in South Carolina.

I further move that the Commission reaffirm its finding that it should explore a South Carolina competitive procurement program as allowed by South Carolina Code Section 58-41-20(E)(2) and proceed with this Generic Docket at this time as follows:

First, in response to written inquiries, the Commission intends to use this Generic Docket to receive information on competitive procurement programs of energy and capacity from renewable energy facilities by an electrical utility in general. For example, the interested parties should provide comments, testimony and exhibits concerning, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) best practices;
- (2) the benefits and monetary savings associated with establishing and administering competitive procurement programs for the utility and for the ratepayer;
- (3) the challenges and costs associated with establishing and administering competitive procurement programs for the utility and for the ratepayer;
- (4) the types of competitive procurement programs, or options available in competitive procurement programs for a utility, and the related benefits, savings, costs, and challenges;

(5) the impact of revisions to the utility's existing competitive procurement program; and

(6) the impact of addition of, or revisions to, a utility's competitive procurement program upon other areas, including but not limited to the following: IRP process, interconnection, energy storage, and queue reform.

The Clerks' Office is directed to establish a new hearing date and new pre-filed testimony and exhibit deadlines.

Additionally, I move that we hold in abeyance the request of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated ("Dominion") for the Commission to open an individual docket addressing whether or not a competitive procurement program is appropriate for Dominion, and whether this Generic Docket would be an appropriate vehicle to consider such program on a per individual utility basis.

It is noted by the Commission that the letter from Dominion is not the only inquiry received by the Commission concerning the establishment of an individual docket. The solar provider, Ecoplexus, Incorporated, and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively "Duke Companies") filed letters on November 10, 2020 expressing similar concerns as Dominion. I move that the Commission hold in abeyance the requests of Ecoplexus, Incorporated and the Duke Companies on whether separate individual dockets for each utility should be established.

PRESIDING: Belser

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
CASTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voting via Skype
POWERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
THOMAS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
C. WILLIAMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
J. WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u> Military Leave

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

